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Subject: RE: Lane Plating
Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 12:11:00 PM
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Hi Abby,

Today at 3:30 pm is perfect for me. If it works for you, I will call you at the office number in your signature block.

Talk to you soon,
Elizabeth

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Subject: RE: Lane Plating

Good morning, Elizabeth –

I would be happy to speak to you regarding the Lane Plating bankruptcy. I am free at 3:30 today, if that works for your schedule. I am also available at 10:00 AM on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Please let me know what works best for you.

Have a good afternoon,

Abby

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Dear Abby,

My name is Elizabeth and I'm the EPA attorney recently assigned to the Lane Plating case. Would you have time this week for a quick phone call to talk about the bankruptcy?

Thanks so much,
Elizabeth

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FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Thank you for the update, Dorothy. The Attorney General's office and I informed the Trustee of these issues. He understands that TCEQ will seek an administrative expense claim in the bankruptcy for any monies expended on this job.

Warmest regards,

Abby

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Subject: Lane Plating

Good Morning All,

Yesterday, I coordinated with TCEQ CID and met SWS at the site. We walked through the facility and around the facility to identify all the areas that were now unsecured.

The areas identified were the side door (primary route of access to the facility), the laboratory door, the Black Oxide Room door, and the Rectifier's Room sliding glass door. Two of the office's window panes were also broken. SWS is in the process of generating a quote to submit to CID to resecure the site. It looks like the work of copper thieves because that is primarily what was missing.

The bloated tote of chromic acid was vented by SWS while on-site which relieved the pressure and the tote returned to normal. It is believed that the heat may have caused it to bloat. The other containers were determined to be ok, with more room to expand, by SWS.

I have attached photographs.

Yesterday, I also spoke to Mr. Rhotenberry, EPA Superfund-Emergency Removals, who stated it is likely that an emergency removal will be performed at the site by the EPA.

He estimated that it may happen in about a month or two due to the process of getting things in order. He also stated that the site was secure when they were doing their on-site assessment in April so the intruders broke in between April and yesterday.

I think it may be necessary to routinely go by the site to make sure it is secure and put an eye on the waste tanks and containers until a removal is performed.

